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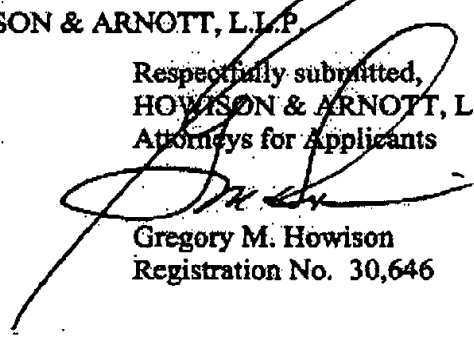
REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated August 27, 2004. Claims 1-21 have been canceled. Claims 22-34 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

This Office Action is in response to an amendment and response received on May 7, 2004. Applicants' records indicate the fact that on August 13, 2004, a response was filed to the Patent Office via facsimile transmission, which was in response to a conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned. Applicants believe that this would have cleared things up had this amendment been received. Applicants do not show that the reply sheet was received from the Patent and Trademark Office, as it not a part of the file. Applicants have attached the copy of this document and, if it has not been received, Applicants respectfully request that it be entered as set forth. Applicants believe that no arguments are required since the Examiner and the undersigned have discussed this matter. If further clarifications are required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PFLY-24,910 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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